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DELIVER TO NEA/ARN/DRAPEY AT OPENING OF BUSINESS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, PINT, LE

SUBJECT: 0900 LEBANON REPORT

1. CABINET MEETING YESTERDAY DID NOT REPEAT NOT DECIDE  
FRANGIE SHOULD VISIT DAMASCUS TODAY. MORE TIME WAS  
REPORTEDLY ALLOWED FOR VIEWPOINTS OF MOSLEM AND CHRISTIAN  
LEADERS TO BE EXPRESSED ON THE AGREEMENT SO THAT,  
ACCORDING TO KARAME AT LEAST, AGREEMENT WOULD MORE  
ACCURATELY REFLECT WISHES OF ALL CONCERNED. IT WAS  
ANNOUNCED KARAME WILL ACCOMPANY FRANGIE WHEN HE GOES  
TO SEE ASAD AND THAT DATE HAS BEEN PUT AS PROBABLY  
THURSDAY OR FRIDAY. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT CHAMOUNIST  
PRESSURES ARE PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE. KHADDAM WENT  
BACK TO DAMASCUS YESTERDAY AND IS SAID TO BE RETURNING  
HERE TODAY AFTER A LIGHTENING VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA IN  
BETWEEN. THIS HAS GIVEN RISE TO SPELATION THAT  
MEETING BETWEEN FRANGIE AND ASAD MIGHT BE FOLLOWED BY  
SUMMIT MEETING IN SAUDI ARABIA OF THESE TWO WITH KING KHALED  
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AND YASSER ARAFAT.

2. TO FURTHER COMPLICATE POLITICAL SCENARIO, RUMOR APPEARS IN PRESS THAT PRESIDENT FRANGIE WOULD GO TO PARIS AND THE VATICAN IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF MONTHS, PURPOSE UNSTATED.

3. CABINET PASSED A NUMBER OF MEASURES IN THE ABSENCE OF PARLIAMENT, INCLUDING THE NEW CONSCRIPTION LAW AND THE 1976 BUDGET. CABINET CALLED FOR UNAUTHORIZED RADIO STATIONS TO CEASE OPERATING IN THE LEBANON.

4. KAREAME HAS MADE SOOTHING NOISES ABOUT FREEDOM OF THE PRESS IN WAKE OF SATURDAY'S HEAVY BOMBARDMENT OF TWO IRAQI BACKED NEWSPAPERS. CHAMOUN HAS REPLIED TO CHARGES BY JUMBLATT BY SAYING THAT NO ONE IS THINKING OF A NEW ROUND (JUMBLATT HAVING ACCUSED RIGHT WING OF PLANNING ONE FOR SPRING). WE UNDERSTAND THAT A "LEBANESE SOLUTION" HAS BEEN PUT TOGETHER IN THE CASE OF DISSIDENT OFFICER LT. AHMED KHATIB AND HIS FOLLOWERS. DETAILS FOLLOW.

5. PRESS REPORTS ARRIVAL HERE FOR STAY OF ABOUT A WEEK OF FATHER HENRI DE RIEDMATTEN, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE POPE LEADING A MISSION TO STUDY THE WELFARE PROBLEM AND WELFARE PROGRAMS OF LOCAL ECCLESIASTICAL INSTITUTIONS. A REPRESENTATIVE OF CARITAS INTERNATIONAL IS IN THE MISSION. THE WHOLE QUESTION OF ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES AND OTHERS DESTITUTE IS GETTING MORE AND MORE ATTENTION HERE. OUR VIEWS ARE COMING BY SEPTTEL.  
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